

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force all their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a gross violation of journalistic integrity and the public interest. It clearly illustrates the dangers of media consolidation, when one company can influence the opinions of millions of viewers using specious propaganda. If this is an example of what is to come, media consolidation will bring us a truly Orwellian society, where a corporate oligarchy dictates all information and predetermines election outcomes.

The FCC is supposed to regulate the public airwaves to best serve the public interest. What Sinclair is proposing to do violates that public interest ...and media consolidation, in general, violates that interest, by limiting and often manipulating the news, views and information the public is allowed to see--concentrating control in the hands of a few wealthy individuals.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to reduce media consolidation and strengthen media ownership rules, NOT weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to be more strict and allow for greater public input.

Sincerely,